

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a,” the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 22, “Authorizations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The Board of Educational Examiners has recently considered the issue of licensure of Montessori educators in Iowa. Most Montessori programs in the state are independently operated, while others are part of a larger school district. For Montessori educators who are working in independently accredited schools, the proposed amendment will create an authorization that will allow recognition of specialized Montessori training and coverage of these employees under the Board of Educational Examiners’ Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 2014. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the address below, or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 1 p.m. in the State Board Room, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

This amendment is subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(1)“a.”

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following new rule 282—22.9(272):

282—22.9(272) Montessori authorization.

22.9(1) Authorization. The Montessori authorization is provided to educators working in educational settings accredited by the American Montessori Society.

22.9(2) Application process. Any person interested in the Montessori authorization shall submit an application to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov>.

22.9(3) Requirements.

a. The applicant must have completed a baccalaureate degree.

b. Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The applicant must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

c. National criminal history background check. The applicant must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

d. The applicant must complete the required Montessori training leading to a full credential issued by the American Montessori Society.

e. The applicant must complete code of professional conduct and ethics training approved by the board of educational examiners.

22.9(4) *Validity.* This authorization is valid for five years. No Class B or administrative decision license may be issued to an applicant holding the Montessori authorization unless a teaching license is additionally obtained. No additional endorsement areas may be added to the Montessori authorization.

22.9(5) *Renewal.*

a. Applicants must meet the renewal requirements set forth in rule 282—20.3(272) and 282—subrule 20.5(2).

b. A one-year extension may be issued if all requirements for the renewal of the Montessori authorization have not been met. This one-year extension is not renewable.

22.9(6) *Revocation and suspension.* Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the Montessori authorization.